

Child Fatality and Near Fatality External Review Panel

Virtual Meeting

Monday, September 21, 2020

MINUTES

Members Present: Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair; Lesa Dennis as proxy for Commissioner Marta Miranda-Straub, Department for Community Based Services, CHFS; Hon. Dawn Blair, Assistant Hardin County Attorney; Dr. Christina Howard, University of Kentucky, Department of Pediatrics; Dr. Henrietta Bada, Department of Public Health, CHFS; Shelley Wood, RN, State Child Fatality Review Team; Angela Yannelli, Executive Director, Kentucky Coalition Against Domestic Violence; Dr. Melissa Currie, Chief, Norton Children's Pediatric Protection Specialist, University of Louisville; Linnea Caldon, Citizen Foster Care Review Board, Lori Aldridge, Executive Director, Tri County CASA; Judge Libby Messer, Judge Fayette Family Court; Betty Pennington, Family Resource and Youth Service Center; Detective Jason Merlo, Kentucky State Police; and Dr. William Ralston, Chief Medical Examiner

Welcome:

Hon. Melissa Moore Murphy, Chair

Judge Murphy welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for joining virtually. The minutes from the August 11th and September 14th meetings were approved.

Pending case F-35-19-NC, will be reviewed at the next meeting. Reminder, there will be no presentations for Triage 3 cases. However, they have been assigned to panel groups for review.

Case Review:

The following cases were reviewed by the Panel. A case summary of findings and recommendations are attached and made a part of these minutes.

<u>Group</u>	<u>Case #</u>	<u>Analyst</u>
3	F-067-19-PH	Joel Griffith
4	F-068-19-PH	Joel Griffith
1	NF-018-19-NC	Joel Griffith
2	NF-025-19-C	Joel Griffith
3	F-012-19-C	Joel Griffith
4	F-025-19-C	Joel Griffith
1	F-019-19-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-008-19-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-009-19-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-029-19-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-031-19-NC	Joel Griffith
2	NF-051-19-C	Joel Griffith
3	NF-052-19-C	Joel Griffith
4	NF-074-19-C	Joel Griffith
1	NF-099-19-C	Joel Griffith
2	NF-100-19-C	Joel Griffith

Additional Discussion:

Mental Health Issues Discussion – Panel agreed suicide does not equate to mental illness. There are children who act impulsively without an underlying mental health condition. If there are indicators of mental health issues than it will be documented in the characteristics. The panel has seen an increase of suicides and will make a recommendation that Kentucky start conducting psychological suicides.

AOC Recommendation – Panel discussed missed opportunities within the judicial system when an EPO/DVO has been filed. The Judge for an EPO/DVO petition, at the time they receive it, has no way of knowing what is going in a DNA action or CPS case unless it is reported by the parents in that petition. The petition is very limited and there's no way to cross reference the cases. That's a major flaw in Kentucky's court system. CPS does not get a copy of EPO/DVO petition until after it's completed. Social workers obtaining access to Courtnet may be helpful. The desire to fix this issue is present, however, there is not a mechanism to obtain all pertain case information. Judges for those cases have very limited knowledge and the system is setup to be quick but not necessarily thorough.

Meeting adjourned

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